

WASHINGTON – By a vote of 327 to 90, the House voted Thursday evening to protect funds for highway and transit programs.

The House Appropriations Committee had sought to eliminate a provision that guarantees funds for transportation enhancement programs.

"The enhancement program was designed to help communities expand transportation choices," Oliver said.

The Petri-Oliver amendment was endorsed by numerous transportation, county and municipal officials.

The transportation enhancement program was first created in the 1991 transportation authorization act.

Examples of bike path projects in the 1st District of Massachusetts eligible for funding through the program include:

Oliver is the ranking member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Housing, Urban Affairs, and the District of Columbia.

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